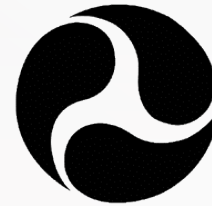




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Loop 303

Proposed SR 801/MC 85 to I-10

**Public Scoping Meeting
Thursday, June 29, 2006**



Tonight's Agenda

- Background
- Purpose and Need
- Engineering Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Public Involvement
- Study Schedule





Background

- Proposition 400
- Regional Transportation Plan
- ADOT's Role
- FHWA's Role
- MAG's Role
- Public's Role





Regional Transportation Plan

- In 2003, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) approved a \$15.8 billion Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- In 2004, voters approved Proposition 400
 - Provided funding needed to implement the RTP





What is the RTP?

- A Partnership between ADOT, MAG, local cities, Valley Metro, and Valley Metro Rail to:
 - Manage regional transportation programs
 - Coordinate project implementation
 - Develop finance strategies
 - Foster communication and public involvement linkages
 - Facilitate regional collaboration on transportation initiatives





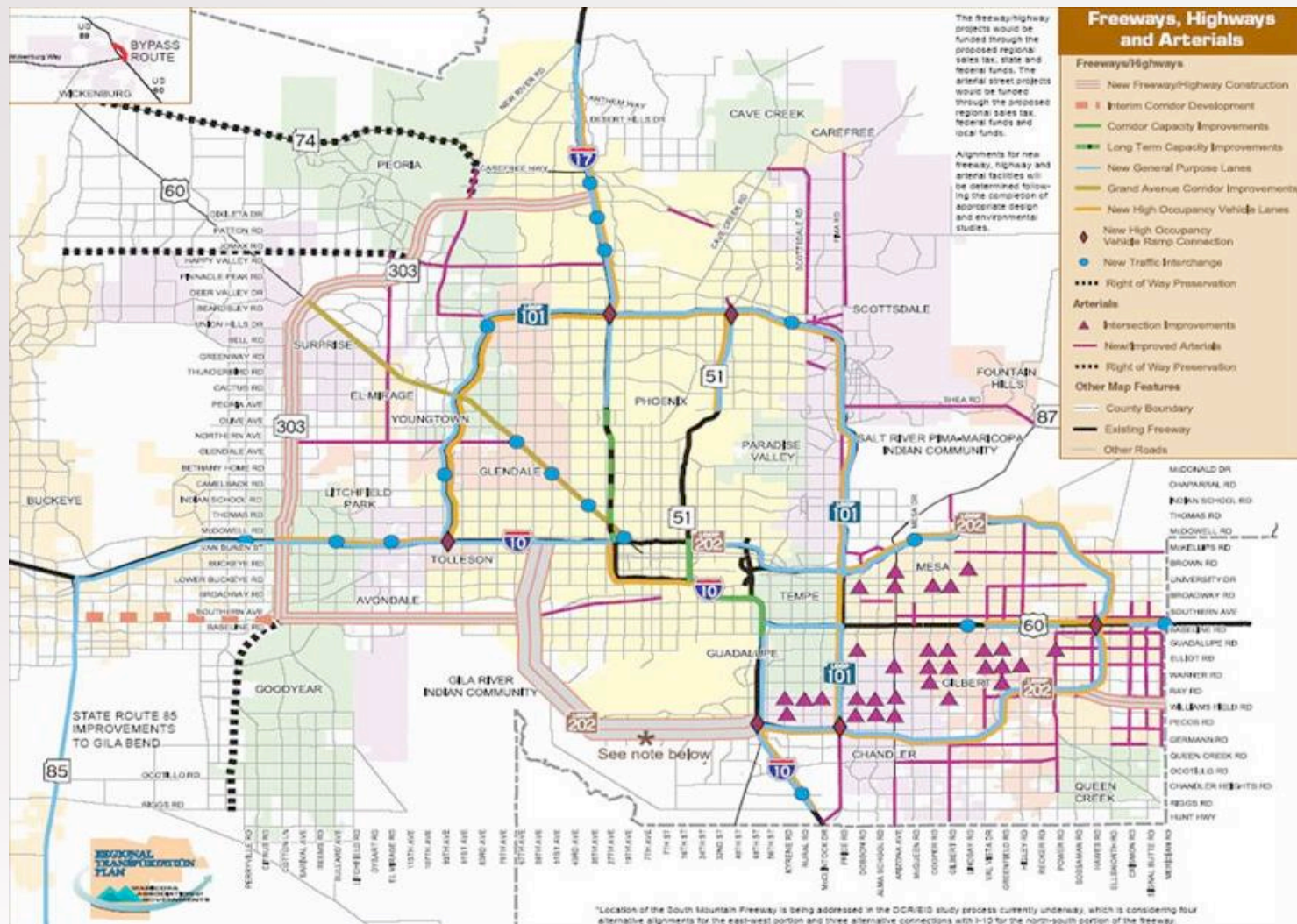
Needed?

- Efficiently pool and prioritize regional resources
- Get buy-in from all communities and agencies for a balanced program
- Meet ever-increasing mobility needs of the community resulting from explosive growth





Regional Transportation Plan



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ADOT's Role

- Implement RTP Freeway Program
- Conduct studies to identify/evaluate alternatives
- Acquire rights-of-way
- Design and construct freeways
- Maintain freeways





FHWA's Role

- Serve as lead federal agency
- Participate in study process
- Provide document review and approval
- Provide funding source



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MAG's Role

- Develop RTP and conduct regional transportation planning
- Set priorities for phasing and funding of projects
- Approve accelerations and cost changes to RTP
- Approve air quality analysis on all regional transportation projects





Public's Role

- Ask questions
- Provide feedback
- Tell us
 - What is important to you?
 - What are your concerns?



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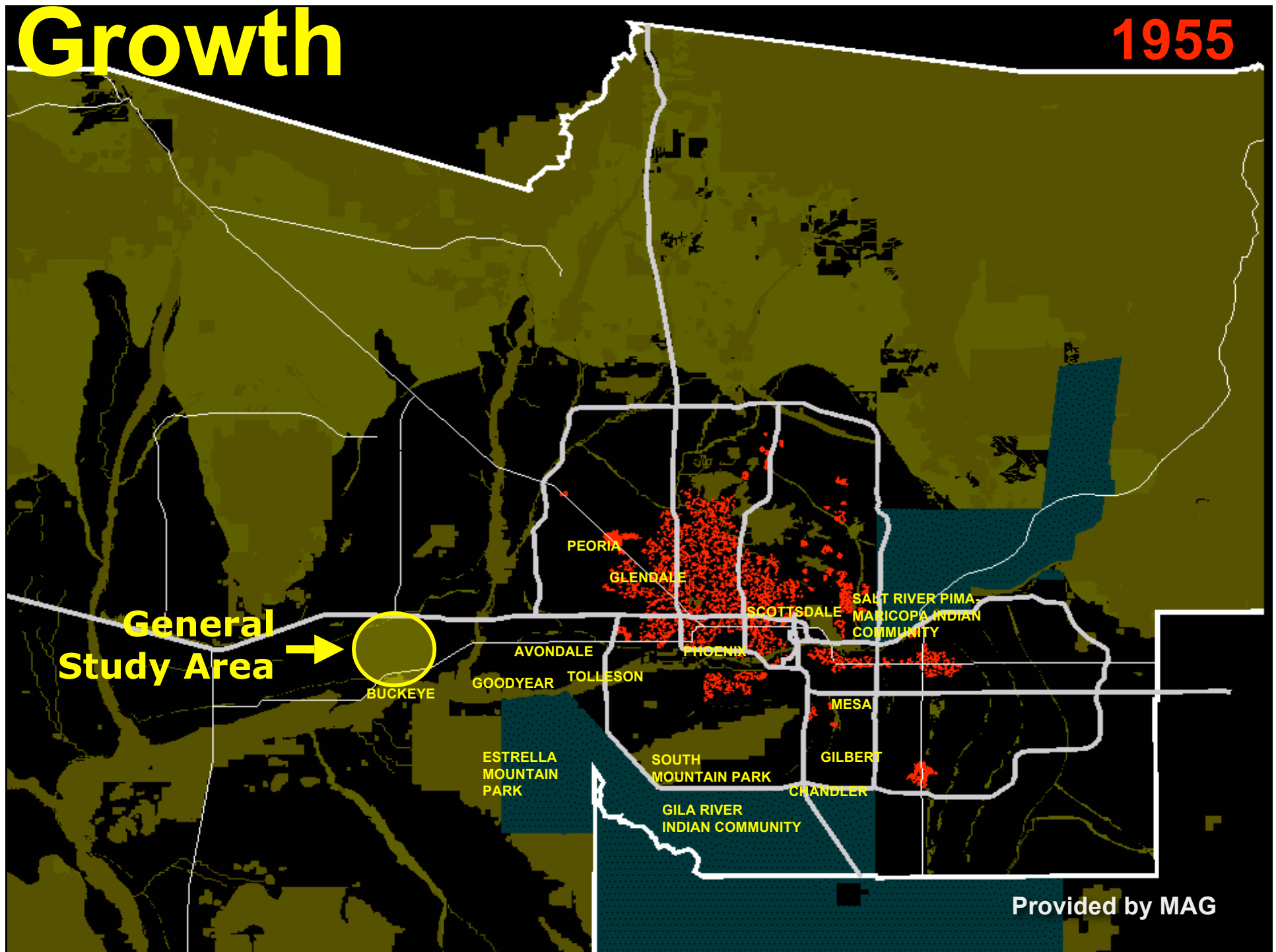
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- Growth in Maricopa County
- Future traffic demand
- Linkage with SR 801
- Future connection to the south



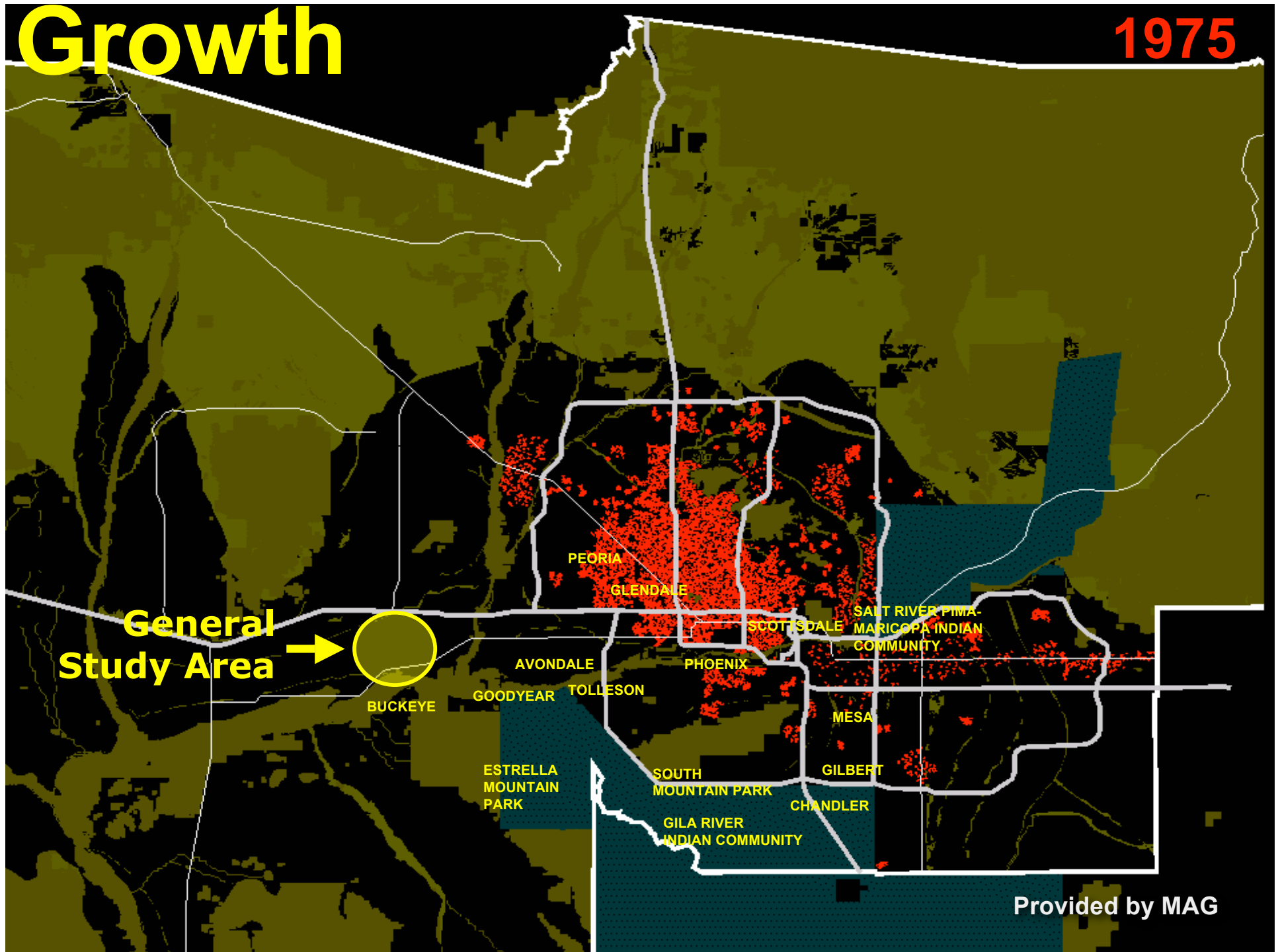
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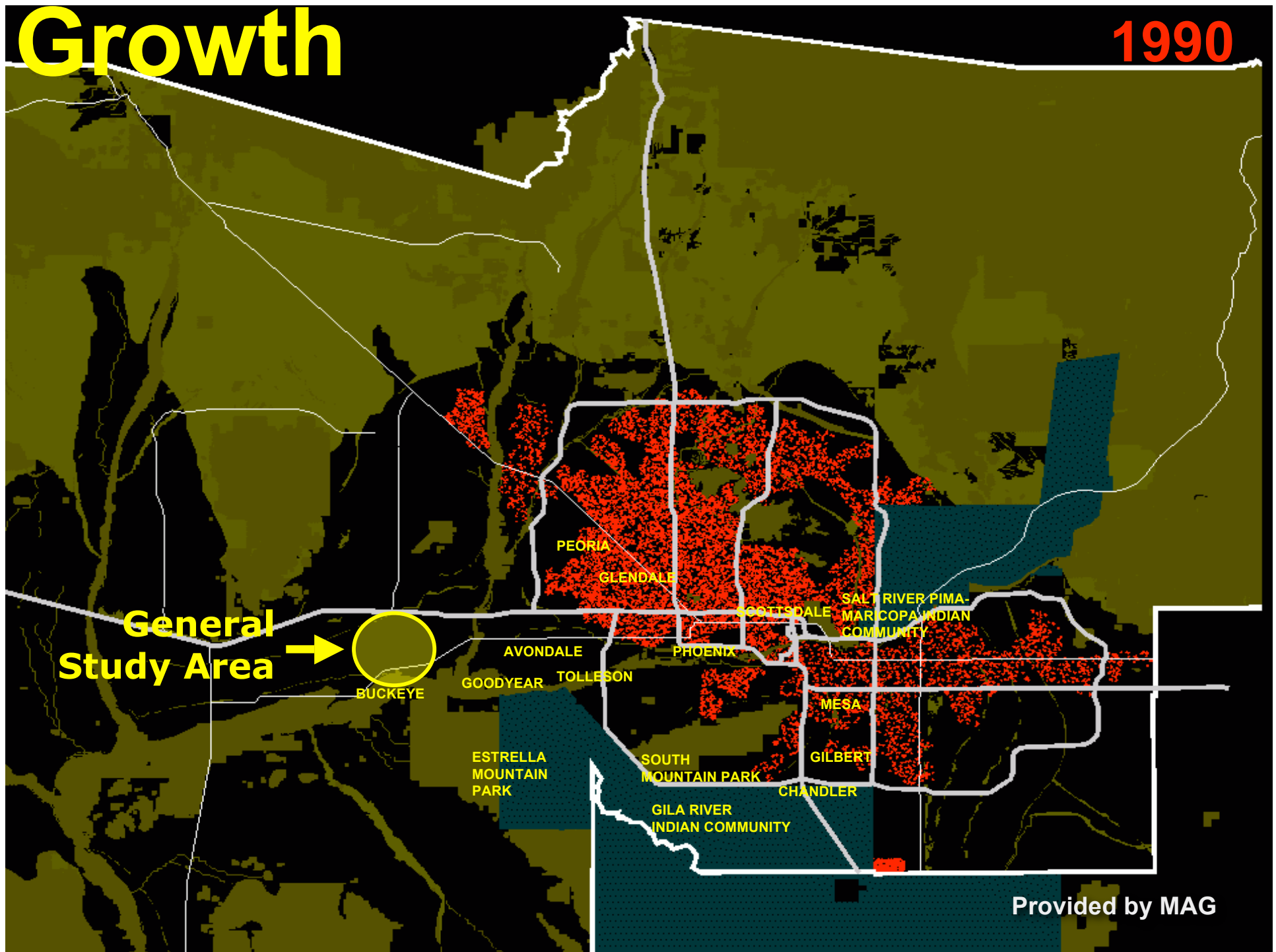
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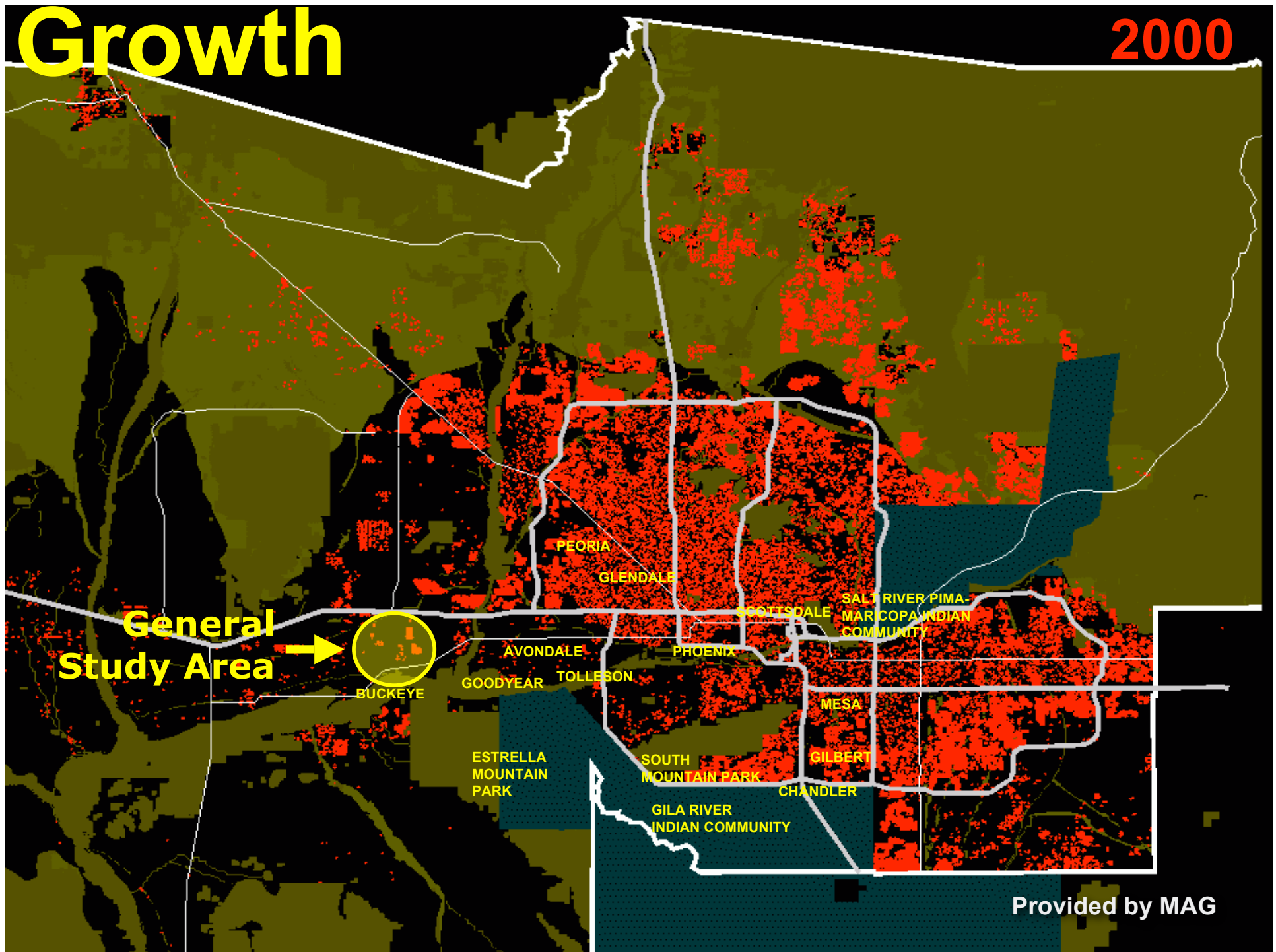
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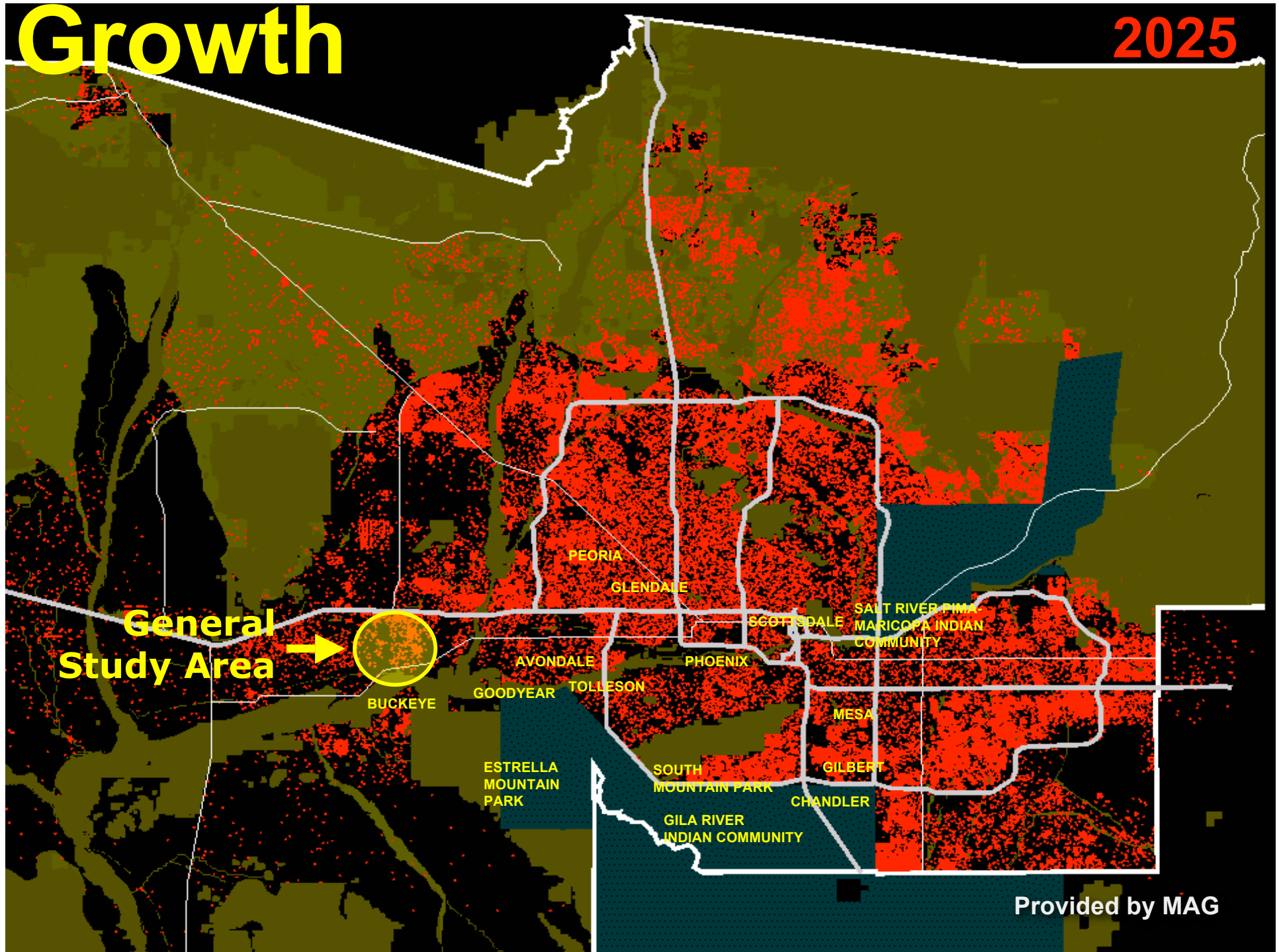
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Growth

2025



General
Study Area →



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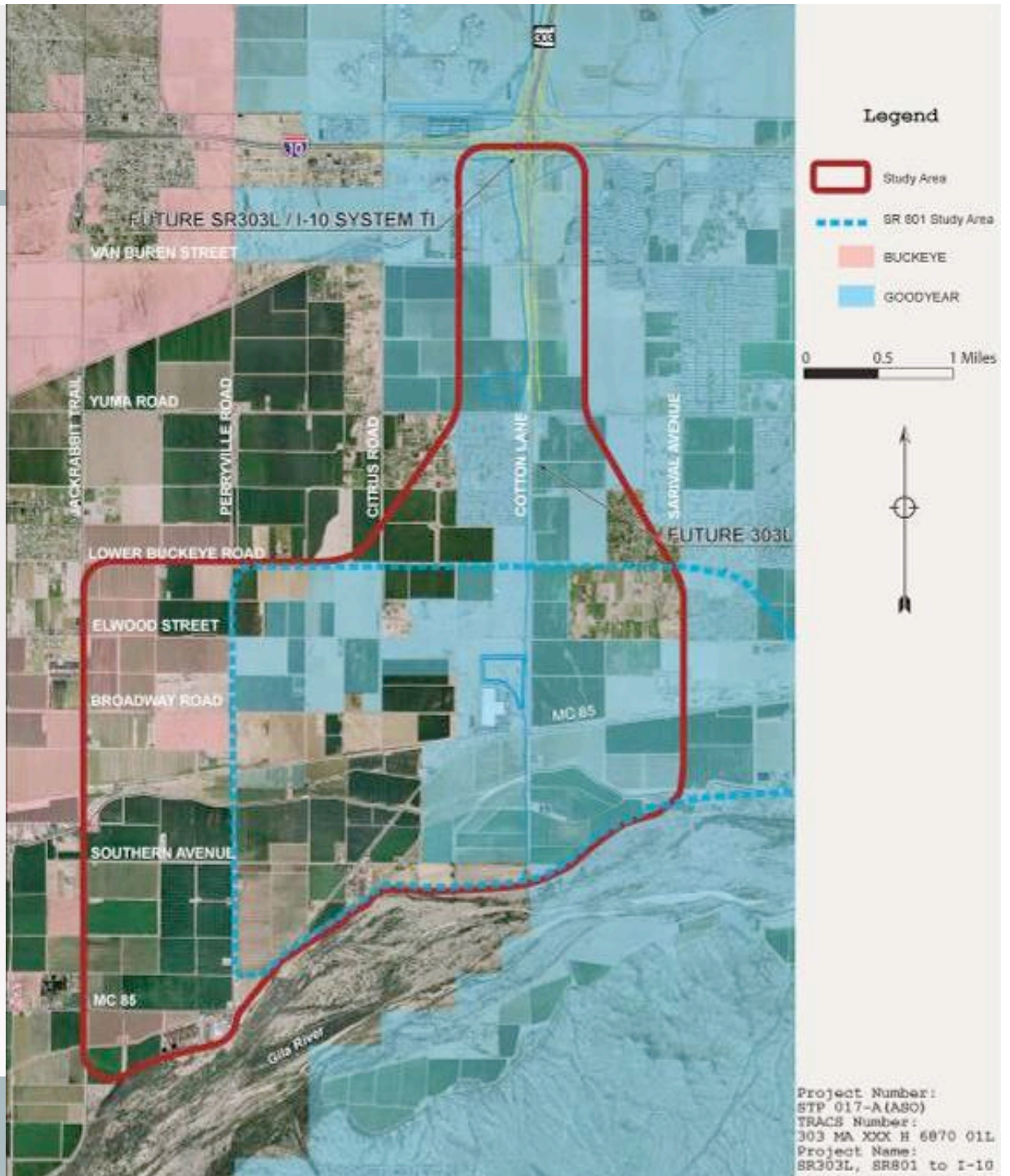
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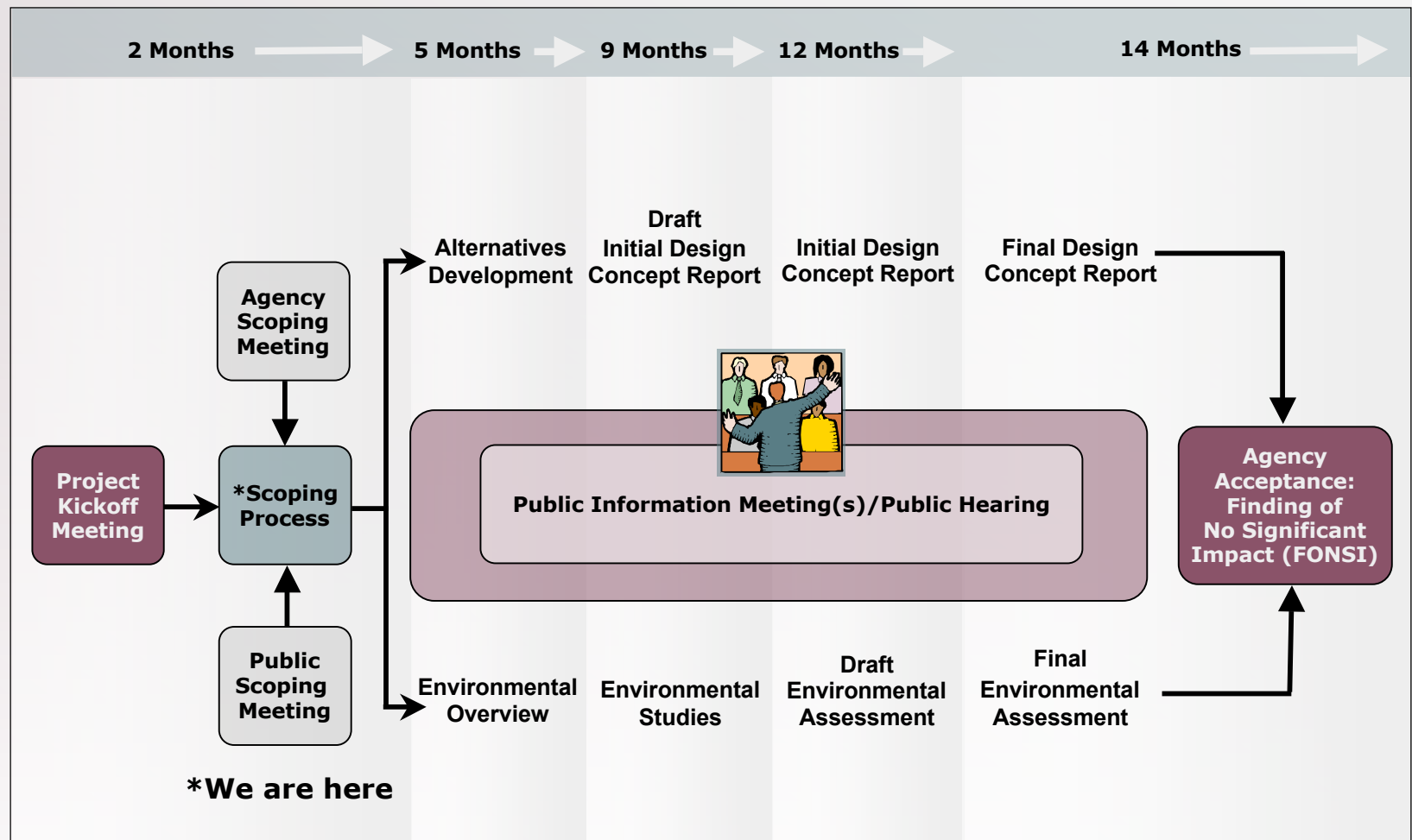


Study Area





Study Process





Engineering Studies

- Design criteria identification
- Right-of-way needs
- Utilities coordination
- Drainage analysis
- Traffic analysis
- Alternatives development
- Bridge selection analysis

Product: ***Location/Design Concept Report***



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Environmental Studies

- Air quality
- Noise impacts
- Biological resources
- Water resources
- Cultural/historic resources
- Hazardous materials
- Land use/socioeconomics
- Visual resources

Product: ***Environmental Assessment***



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Study Schedule

	2006							2007						
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Agency Scoping Meeting	◆ 6/27													
Public Scoping Meeting	◆ 6/29													
Public Information Meeting				◆										
Draft Environmental Assessment								◆						
Initial Design Concept Report								◆						
Public Hearing									◆					
Final Environmental Assessment											◆			
Agency Acceptance (FONSI)													◆	

Final Design
Concept Report



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Next Steps

- Design/right-of-way acquisition
 - Estimated to begin in 2016
- Construction
 - Estimated to begin in 2018-2019



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Involvement

- Unprecedented commitment to public involvement
- Working closely with community members, businesses, public officials
- Involving the public in the decision-making process in the early planning stages
- Continue information and involvement through design and construction



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Ways to Provide Input

- Talk with a study team member tonight
- Write comments on a flip chart
- Submit a comment form
 - Put in comment box tonight
 - Send written comments by July 31, 2006 to Michael Book:
 - Mail: 3200 E. Camelback Road, Suite 350, Phoenix, AZ 85018
 - Fax: 602-522-7707
 - E-mail: michael.book@hdrinc.com
- Call telephone information line
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Questions/Discussion



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